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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 41st and 51st meetings on 15 May and 13 June 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.41 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/62/649);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/62/718 and Corr.1);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 (A/62/779);

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/781/Add.9).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.40

4. At its 51st meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" (A/C.5/62/L.40), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Angola.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, after the date "30 June 2006", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___ of ____" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 12, after "60/266", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___" was deleted.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.40, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus,[1] the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Force[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964, regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 1789 (2007) of 14 December 2007, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 15 June 2008,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/280 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[4]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.1 million United States dollars, representing some

[1] A/62/649 and A/62/718 and Corr.1.
[2] A/62/779.
[3] A/62/781/Add.9.
[4] S/1994/647.

6 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only forty-one Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Force;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to reclassify the posts of the Associate Public Information Officer, the Chief Security Officer and the Chief of Integrated Support Services, respectively, to the P-3, P-4 and P-5 levels;

11. *Welcomes* the steps taken so far by the host Government and the Force regarding the renovation of the accommodation of military contingent personnel as well as other personnel of the Force, and requests the Secretary-General to continue making every effort, in coordination with the host Government, to ensure that the renovations are completed as scheduled and to report thereon in the context of his next budget submission;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Force against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Force;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[5]

16. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 2,516,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, in addition to the amount of 46,770,000 dollars already appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 60/270 of 30 June 2006;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

17. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net additional appropriation, equivalent to 741,433 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus;

18. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 25,354,700 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 60/270, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 1,775,067 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolutions 58/256 of 23 December 2003 and 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, and the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 292,200 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income for the Force for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;

20. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of other income in the amount of 641,518 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

21. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of other income in the amount of 641,518 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

22. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2007, that one third of other income in the amount of 403,829 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

23. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2007, that the prorated share of other income in the

[5] A/62/649.

amount 167,353 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

24. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008;[2]

25. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 3,646,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008, in addition to the amount of 48,847,500 dollars already appropriated for the Force for the same period under the terms of its resolution 61/280;

Financing of the additional appropriation for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008

26. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net additional appropriation, equivalent to 1,166,700 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus;

27. *Decides*, taking into account the amount of 26,804,234 dollars already apportioned under the terms of its resolution 61/280, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 2,376,475 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 15 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007 and 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

28. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 27 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 140,204 dollars, representing the additional staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 15 June 2008;

29. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 103,325 dollars for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 16 to 30 June 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision by the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

30. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 29 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the amount of 6,096 dollars, representing the additional estimated staff assessment income approved for the Force for the period from 16 to 30 June 2008;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

31. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 57,392,000 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 54,851,100 dollars for the maintenance of

the Force, 2,215,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 325,900 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

32. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 18,264,450 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

33. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 32,627,550 dollars at a monthly rate of 2,718,962 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

34. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 33 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,543,800 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,305,200 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 212,900 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 25,700 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

35. *Further decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

36. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

37. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

38. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

39. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".